

October 6, 2011

Michael Machado
Delta Protection Commission
P.O. Box 530
Walnut Grove, California 95690

Dear Mr. Machado,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Isleton Brannan-Andrus Historical Society (IBAHS). The IBAHS is in full support of a National Heritage Area (NHA) designation in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Isleton Historical Society can potentially serve as a partner for a Delta NHA by assisting the management entity with tasks such as identification of cultural/historic resources, identification of potential partner sites and local outreach.

The IBAHS is an organization which is committed to the preservation and promotion of the history of Isleton and the surrounding Delta area.

A Delta NHA will be a valuable tool to help the Delta gain visibility as a destination for recreation and tourism activities, thus assisting with both economic development and public education. Since the Delta NHA is a community-driven approach to heritage conservation and economic development, it is imperative that there be public-private partnerships to support historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, heritage tourism, and educational projects to tell the "Delta story".

Again, on behalf of the IBAHS I am writing to express support for a Delta NHA and look forward to working with the DPC to further pursue this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Karen Franscioni", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karen Franscioni
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